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SUBJECT: GEOTHERMAL ENERGY SOURCES FEASIBILITY STUDY

REF: (A) SAN JOSE 1158, MARCH 20, 1975

--- (B) STATE 108579, MAY 23, 1974

--- (C) SAN JOSE 1620, APRIL 25, 1974

1. REF (A) INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO POTENTIALLY INTERESTED U.S. FIRMS BY USDOC MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION. THE INFORMATION WAS ALSO PUBLISHED IN THE CURRENT COMMERCE TODAY MAGAZINE TO ASSURE THE WIDEST DISSEMINATION OF THE FORTHCOMING ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY STUDY OPPORTUNITY.

2. ONE OF THE U.S. FIRMS WE CONTACTED DIRECTLY, INFORMED US THAT FOLLOWING YOUR RECOMMENDATION, THE FIRM CABLED ING. MANUEL CORRALES INDICATING INTEREST IN PURSUING THE STUDY CONTRACT AND REQUESTING BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS. BY RETURN CABLE, ICE ADVISED THIS FIRM THAT
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THE BID DATE FOR THE STUDY CONTRACT WAS FEBRUARY 10, 1975.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CONFIRMATION OF THIS INFORMATION AND ALSO FIND OUT THE SCHEDULE FOR AWARDDING THIS CONTRACT.

3. IN OUR CONTACTS WITH OTHER U.S. FIRMS, ROGERS ENGINEERING OF SAN FRANCISCO AND VTN, INC. OF IRVINE CALIFORNIA (IN ASSOCIATION WITH BEN HOLT COMPANY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA) SUBMITTED PROPOSALS FOR THIS CONTRACT IN FEBRUARY. THESE FIRMS INDICATE THAT ICE RECEIVED OVER A DOZEN PROPOSALS AND THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT SEVERAL OTHER U.S. PROPOSALS WERE SUBMITTED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF EMBASSY WOULD TRY TO FIND OUT FROM ICE THE NAMES OF FIRMS THAT SUBMITTED PROPOSALS.

4. THE EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (SECOND UNITED NATIONS SYMPOSIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES) IS BEING HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO DURING 20 - 29 MAY 1975. MANY U.S. FIRMS INVOLVED IN GEOTHERMAL EXPLORATION, ENGINEERING, DESIGN, AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLY ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND AS WELL AS MANY INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITIES. PLEASE ADVISE IF GOCR WILL BE SENDING REPRESENTATIVES TO THIS IMPORTANT CONFERENCE AND NAMES/TITLES OF THE ATTENDEES. THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. FIRMS TO MEET WITH POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS. KISSINGER

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